

Birmingham COMEDY Festival

6-15 Oct
2023

CALENDAR GIRLS THE MUSICAL

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Birmingham **COMEDY** Festival 6-15 Oct 2023 bhamcomfest.co.uk

Tue 3 to Sat 7 Oct: **CALENDAR
GIRLS THE MUSICAL**

A group from a Yorkshire Women's Institute create a nude calendar to raise money for charity. With Tanya Franks, Maureen Nolan, Lyn Paul, Amy Robbins, Paula Tappenden, Marti Webb and Honeysuckle Weeks. Written by Gary Barlow and Tim Firth.

**The Alexandra, Suffolk St
Queensway, Bham B5 4DS. £13.
Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Wed, Thu & Sat
2.30pm. atgtickets.com**

Thu 5 to Fri 6 Oct:
**SEANN WALSH:
BACK FROM
THE BED**

"Hello, Seann here.
Did you know that
comedians have to
write their own
blurb? I find that absolutely insane.
What am I meant to say?"

**The Old Rep Theatre, Station St,
Bham B5 4DY. T: 0121 359 9444.
£16.50. 7.30pm.
oldreptheatre.co.uk**



Fri 6 Oct: **JOSH JONES:
GOBSMACKED**

New show from everyone's favourite
gobby Manc' Princess and
Edinburgh Comedy Awards' Best
Newcomer nominee.

**The Glee Club, The Arcadian,
Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871
472 0400. £12. 6.45pm. glee.co.uk**

Fri 6 Oct:
FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY

The perfect way to end the working
week, with four superb comedians.
**The Glee Club, The Arcadian,
Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871
472 0400. £13-£30. 7.45pm.
glee.co.uk**



Fri 6 Oct:

Breaking Talent AWARD 2023

The West Mids' biggest comedy prize is back! A hand-picked selection of the very best emerging acts from across the region compete for the prestigious annual title. Featuring MC **James Cook**, and a special closing set from **Josh Jones**. **The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £12, £10. 8.15pm.** bhamcomfest.co.uk | glee.co.uk

Fri 6 Oct:

TOM DAVIS: UNDERDOG

Sweet soul Tom is best known for hit shows King Gary, The Curse, Murder In Successville, and his podcast Wolf And Owl with Romesh Ranganathan. Underdog sees Tom exploring life as the longshot.

Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bham B3 3DQ. T: 0121 780 3333. £24.50. 8pm. bmusic.co.uk



Sat 7 Oct:

THE GINGERBEARDMARK PODCAST LIVE: ROBIN INCE

Mark chats to comedian, broadcaster and **Birmingham** Councillor **Robin Ince**. Canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. Full refunds from point of purchase. 

The Mockingbird Cinema, The Custard Factory, Gibb St, Bham B94AA. T: 0121 820 0439. £10. 4pm. www.gingerbeardlive.com

Sat 7 Oct: ERIC RUSHTON: NOT THAT DEEP

Daughters, lock up your mothers

– Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year Eric Rushton is back!

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £10. / SOLD OUT 4.45pm. glee.co.uk



Sat 7 Oct:

DANNY CLIVES & TAL DAVIES

Danny (Uncle Roger/Nigel Ng support) and Tal (Funny Women One To Watch) try out new jokes. Bring laughter/dismay.

1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 5pm. [instagram.com/dannnyclives](https://www.instagram.com/dannnyclives)



Sat 7 Oct: **ROB KEMP:
(COMEDY) SHOW 23 (WIP)**

Updated, improved interface over Rob Kemp Show 22.

Many new, intuitive features. Fixes many of the bugs from last release. More power. More freedom. More fun.

1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St,
Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 7pm.
facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/



Sat 7 Oct: **CARL HUTCHINSON:
WATCH TILL THE END**

Prepare to be dazzled by the UK comedy scene's best kept secret.

The Old Rep Theatre, Station St,
Birmingham, B5 4DY. T: 0121 359
9444. £16.50. 7.30pm.
oldreptheatre.co.uk

Sat 7 Oct:
**BEHIND THE
HEADLINES**

BTH once again find the humour behind the biggest local, national and international news stories.

The Crescent Theatre, Sheepcote
St, Brindleyplace, Bham B16
8AE. T: 0121 643 5858. £13.50,
£9.50. 8.30pm.

behindtheheadlinescomedy.co.uk



Sat 7 Oct:

**DAMON CONLAN & LIN
SMITH: DOUBLE FEATURE**

Thrills, chills and spills in an ode to macabre cinema starring Jocular Prestidigitator Damon and hack-of-all-trades Lin, who present two supernatural comedy horrors for the price of none!

1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St,
Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 9pm.
facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/





Breaking Talent AWARD 2023



Featuring

Hasan Al-Habib
Rachel Baker
Joe Bingham
Josh Reynolds
Chris Yates

Plus MC **James Cook** and a closing set from
Josh Jones.

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023
THE GLEE CLUB, BIRMINGHAM

Tickets / information: bhamcomfest.co.uk





THE BGM GROUP THEATRE

COMEDY THIS OCTOBER IN BIRMINGHAM



BRIDGET CHRISTIE
SUNDAY 1st



SEANN WALSH
THURSDAY 5th & FRIDAY 6th



CARL HUTCHINSON
SATURDAY 7th



ALFIE MOORE
SUNDAY 8th



RHYS JAMES
THURSDAY 12th



JENNY ECLAIR
SATURDAY 14th



**SHITFACED
SHAKESPEARE**
WEDNESDAY 18th



ANGELA BARNES
SATURDAY 28th

OLDREPTHEATRE.CO.UK



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Sat 7 Oct:

SATURDAY NIGHT COMEDY

With Steve Royle,
Maureen Younger, Ray Bradshaw
and Aurie Styla.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian,
Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871
472 0400. £24.50, £20. 7.30pm.
glee.co.uk



Sun 8 Oct: **JAMIE
HUTCHINSON:
WATERSLIDE**

Some would say
podcast hero Jamie's
life is pathetic. But is
it? Join him as he works through the
chaos and decide for yourselves.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian,
Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871
472 0400. £12.50 / SOLD OUT.
7.30pm. glee.co.uk



Sun 8 Oct: **JASON BYRNE:
THE IRONIC BIONIC MAN**

We can rebuild him! Jason is,
officially Bionic, 'ironically' of
course, as the accident-prone
unfortunate gobshite is - after
various medical procedures - now,
half man, half machine. A painfully
hilarious show.

Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bham
B3 3DQ. T: 0121 780 3333. £28.
7.30pm. bmusic.co.uk

Sun 8 Oct: Birmingham Comedy Festival presents:

THE GOON SHOW

Relive the lunacy of Spike Milligan,
Peter Sellers and Harry Secombe as
the cult BBC radio series that
revolutionised British comedy returns!
Celebrating the centenary of the birth
of 'the forgotten Goon', Black Country-
born scriptwriter/ co-creator, Larry
Stephens, with two 1958 Goon Show scripts, live on stage.
Plus Q&A with Larry's biographer, Julie Warren, author of
It's All In The Mind. 'Ying tong iddle-i-po!'

Symphony Hall, Centenary Sq, Bham B1 2EA. T: 0121
780 3333. 7pm. £15. bhamcomfest.co.uk | bmusic.co.uk



Sun 8 Oct:

BIRMINGHAM COMEDY FESTIVAL FREE HALF-DAYER PT1

All shows are FREE/ by donation/ Pay What You Want (PWYW). No booking required, just rock up and see as many performances as you like!

▼ CHERRY REDS ▼

KEVIN DANIEL: FREEDOM

A Scotsman living in England. What could possibly go wrong?

1pm



▼ THE VICTORIA ▼

RACH SAMBROOKS: WELL-WISHER

Comedy stories about a path to wellness filled with ridiculous spiritual pursuits.

1pm



JULES O'BRIAN: AVOID EXCESSIVE CLEAVAGE

(AND OTHER ADVICE TO IGNORE)

Jules is in her 50s. The 'helpful' advice about everything she should and shouldn't be doing keeps on coming. **2.15pm**



JAMES COOK: ANONYMOUSLY VIRAL

James has been posting on social media for 15 years hoping to go viral. Then he did. So what happened? **2.15pm**

TOM LITTLE: THE RELIABLY FUNNY COMEDIAN YOU WANT TO SEE

'The real deal. An instinctive comedian with oodles of charm and a quirky, frenetic intensity. He could end up in movies' - Spectator. **3.30pm**



HANNAH WEETMAN: DUNELM IS THE NEW GLASTONBURY!

The self-proclaimed walking disaster shares stories of failure and embarrassment. Winner of the festival's Breaking Talent Award 2022. **3.30pm**



CHRIS OXENBURY: OKSE MORONIC

After a hiatus, the award-winning comedian returns, a lot older and a lot wider. **4.45pm**



BOARD GAME SMACKDOWN

Comedians play board games live on stage. The cult hit is back. Hosted by UK board game champion, James Cook. **4.45pm**



**CHERRY REDS, 88-92 JOHN
BRIGHT ST, BIRMINGHAM B1 1BN**

**THE VICTORIA, 48 JOHN BRIGHT
ST, BIRMINGHAM B1 1BN**

Sun 8 Oct: **ALFIE MOORE:
A FACE FOR RADIO**

Thirty years in Sheffield's steelworks and then as a copper has left Alfie with 'a face for radio'. But when TV fame beckoned, could he grasp it, or was he past it?

**The Old Rep Theatre, Station St,
Bham B5 4DY. T: 0121 359 9444.**

£18.50. 7.30pm.

oldreptheatre.co.uk



Mon 9 Oct: **QUEER AS JOKE**

Brum's only LGBTQIA+ comedy night brings you more camp comedy. Hosted by Cycki Brokat, Ellen Degenerate and Gareth Williams.

**The Loft, Bromsgrove St, Bham
B5 6RG. £7-£10. 7pm.**

facebook.com/queerasjoke

Tue 10 Oct: **THOM BEE:
PSYCHOCINEMATIC**

Thom explores the connection between horror movies and mental health. An uplifting comedy exploration into why gnarly horror films will



lift your mood.

**1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St,
Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 7pm.**
facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/

Tue 10 Oct: **JOSH PUGH**

New work-in-progress show about enjoying life (to a point) and having it large (medium).

**The Glee Club,
The Arcadian,
Hurst St, Bham B5
4TD. T: 0871 472
0400. £10 / SOLD**

OUT 7.45pm. glee.co.uk



Tue 10 Oct: **BALTHAZAR DARK:
WRESTLING WITH SADDOS**

Balthazar is the greatest wrestler you've never heard of. Too dangerous to perform in the UK, he's now exposing the seedy underbelly of pro wrestling to comedy audiences.

**1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St,
Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 8.30pm.**
facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/





***CLOSEUP
COMEDY***

POP-UP COMEDY NIGHTS IN AND AROUND BIRMINGHAM



@CLOSEUPCOMEDYUK



they owed their success - music hall and comedy legend Fred Karno.

**B:Eats, Symphony Hall,
Centenary Square, Bham B1
2EA. www.khaotic.co.uk**



Tue 10 Oct:

CONLAN BEATS THE DEVIL

A devilishly funny comedy magic show. Join hapless conjurer Damon Conlan as he summons The Devil (Richard Dadd) and signs away his soul in return for real magic powers. **The Lost & Found, 8 Bennetts Hill, Bham B2 5RS. PWYW. 8pm. linktr.ee/conlanbeatsthedevil**

Tue 10 Oct:

LAUGH TILL IT HURTS: A BDSM COMEDY SHOW



Like 50 Shades of Grey, but funny on purpose. The story of one man's adventure into the dark and crazy world of fetish and kink. **Cherry Reds Cafe, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. T: 0121 643 5716. PWYW. 8pm & 9.30pm. facebook.com/LaughHurts**

Wed 11 Oct:

FRED KARNO: THE LEGEND BEHIND THE FAKE

Biography This event has been sadly cancelled due to the venue no longer being available. *...and the man to whom*

Wed 11 Oct: IMPROV WOLVES

Comedy improvisation featuring some of the best improvisers in the Mids. New comedy sketches created on the spot, based on your suggestions. Every show is unique. **Tilt, City Arcade, 2 Union St, Bham B2 4TX. £8, £10. 7.30pm. improvwolvescomedy.substack.com**

Wed 11 Oct: JACK SKIPPER

With Jack and friends. Whether telling stories or delivering his gags and observations on life, Jack's unique view of the world is a win with audiences.

**The Glee Club,
The Arcadian,
Hurst St, Bham
B5 4TD. T:
0871 472 0400.
£14. 8pm.
glee.co.uk**





Wed 11 Oct:
Hollywood Comedy
Club presents:

NORMAN LOVETT

An evening of
out of this
world comedy,
headlined by

stand-up legend and Red Dwarf star,
Norman Lovett! Plus special guests.

**The Irish Centre, 205 Wheelers
Lane, Kings Heath, Bham B13
OST. T: 0121 622 2314. £9. 8pm.
hollywoodcomedyclub.co.uk**

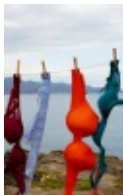
Wed 11 to Sat 14 Oct:

SHEILA'S ISLAND

Four middle aged
women are trapped in
the wilderness during a
team building weekend.

A sparkling, sharp-
witted comedy from writer Tim Firth
(Calendar Girls The Musical).

**The Old Joint Stock, 4 Temple
Row West, Bham B2 5NY. T: 0121
200 0946. £15. Wed-Sat 7.30pm;
Sat 2.30pm. oldjointstock.co.uk**



Thu 12 Oct: **ALEX MILNER:
POINTLESS
NEON SIGNS**

Alex started his
comedy career in
Hong Kong, and
- with a natural
warmth and



delightful conversational style - has
headlined clubs across Asia, Europe
and the UK.

**Tilt, City Arcade, 2 Union St,
Bham B2 4TX. £5. 8pm.
imalexmilner.com**



Thu 12 Oct: CloseUp Comedy presents:

ANGELOS EPITHEMIU, FREDDY QUINNE, ESHAAN AKBAR & DAVID EAGLE

A night of award-winning comedy,
street food and drink. Classic!
**Hockley Social Club, 60 Hampton
St, Bham B29 7EP. £8-£12. 8pm.
closeupcomedy.com**



Thu 12 Oct: **COMEDY
CAROUSEL**

Climb aboard the Comedy
Carousel with Andy
Robinson. A fast-paced
spontaneous show,
featuring top guests and

web browsing.

**The Glee Club, The Arcadian,
Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871
472 0400. £7-£24. glee.co.uk**

Thu 12 Oct: **THE STAND-UP COMEDY GAMESHOW**

Comedians go head-to-head in a series of rounds that test their improv skills and quick-thinking abilities. No topic is off-limits.
Secret Space, 30-34 River St, Digbeth, Bham B5 5SA. £7. 8pm.
[instagram.com/gurpscomedy/](https://www.instagram.com/gurpscomedy/)

Thu 12 Oct:
LUKE ANTHONY MCDONNELL: CULTURE SAVAGE



Luke is a Culture Savage: too savage for the cultured; too cultured for the savages. Dark observational humour and original hip hop.
Muthers Studio, 14 Rea St, Bham B5 6LB. £12. 8pm.
[facebook.com/Lukemanridesagain](https://www.facebook.com/Lukemanridesagain)

Thu 12 Oct: **JACK GLEADOW: JACKS ENTERTAINMENT**

Leicester Mercury Champion Jack returns with more old-school comedy for the modern age. The best thing to come out of Hull since the M62.



Comedy Junction, Station Pub, Station St, Sutton Coldfield B73 6AT. £13. 8pm.
[comedyjunction.co.uk](https://www.comedyjunction.co.uk)



Thu 12 Oct:
THE LATE NIGHT SWEET SHOP: FESTIVAL SPECIAL

A Pick'n'Mix of the best Alternative Comedy acts. Prepare to be confounded and alienated by a parade of oddball surrealists, absurdists, characters and clowns. With compere/curator Richard Dadd.
Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. PWYW. 8pm.
[facebook.com/richarddaddcomedian/](https://www.facebook.com/richarddaddcomedian/)

Thu 12 Oct:
RHYS JAMES: SPILT MILK
Rhys is right back where he belongs: on tour around the country, with a markedly different schedule to Chelsea's fixture list to prove he is not the footballer.
The Old Rep Theatre, Station St, Bham B5 4DY. T: 0121 359 9444. £19.50. 7.30pm.
[oldreptheatre.co.uk](https://www.oldreptheatre.co.uk)



Thu 12 Oct: THE KAMIKAZE CLUB SHOWCASE

The Kamikaze Club select some of the very best performers from the local scene for a laughter-filled festival special.

1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 7.30pm.
facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/

Fri 13 Oct:

FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY

Top laughs with Liam Withnail, Matt Rees, Steve Gribbin, Susie McCabe and Charlie Lewis.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £13-£30. 7.45pm.
glee.co.uk



Fri 13 Oct: **COMEDY NIGHT AT JOE JOE JIM'S**

Stand-up, comedy magic and character comedy featuring Cutlery Safety Expert Ian Crawford, Stephen Dodd, Hannah Silvester and MC Damon Conlan.

Joe Joe Jim's Bar, 444 Lickey Rd, Cofton Hackett, Bham B45 8UU.
T: 0121 453 3103. £8, £10. 8pm.
joejoejims.co.uk



Fri 13 Oct:

PAUL FOOT: DISSOLVE

Life is a stress: full of rushed breakfasts, angry people and internal conflict. But what happens when everything you thought was important - your problems, grievances, identity - disappears?

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £16 / SOLD OUT.
8.15pm. glee.co.uk

Fri 13 Oct:

DAVE LYNCH: TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY

Dave takes everyday situations and turns them upside down, revealing the comical side hidden beneath the surface, with a blend of observational humour and storytelling.

Actress & Bishop, 36 Ludgate Hill, Bham B3 1 EH. T: 0121 236 7426. £10. 8pm.
theactressandbishop.co.uk





Fri 13 Oct: Birmingham Comedy Festival & Laughing Gravy Tent presents:

LAUREL AND HARDY: MEAN BUSINESS

Comedy film triple-bill starring the greatest double-act of all time, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, which highlight their (lack of) business acumen. Screening *Dirty Work* (1933), *Towed In A Hole* (1932) and the Academy Award-nominated *Tit For Tat* (1935).

West Midlands Police Museum, The Lock-up, Steelhouse Lane, Bham B4 6BJ. T: 0121 609 1700. 7pm. £10.

museum.west-midlands.police.uk | bhamcomfest.co.uk

Sat 14 Oct: **SACHIN KUMARENDRAN: DECEIT**



Sachin recounts how his outlandish lies (including pretending to own a mansion) got him a prime-time TV slot; but also nearly led to him being marooned on a desert island.

1000 Trades, 16

Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE.

PWYW. 5pm.

facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/



Sat 14 Oct:

CONNOR BURNS: VERTIGO

A punchline-packed 60mins about ugly dogs, family drama and being caught up in the eye of a touring whirlwind from Scotland's latest rising star.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £13.50. 5.45pm.

glee.co.uk

What's On

Your essential entertainment
guide: whatsonlive.co.uk



Sat 14 Oct: **JENNY ECLAIR:
SIXTY PLUS! (FFS!)**

Jenny confronts a new decade of decrepitude. Should she celebrate or crawl into a hole?

**The Old Rep Theatre, Station St,
Bham B5 4DY. T: 0121 359 9444.
£23.50. 7.30pm. oldreptheatre.co.uk**



Sat 14 Oct: **JUMPROV!**

The UK's first Black and Brown Improv group. Every performance is made up entirely on the spot with suggestions from the audience.

**Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst
St, Southside, Bham B5 4TB.
T: 0844 338 5000. £5, £8. 7.45pm.
birminghamhippodrome.com**

Sat 14 Oct:

**SATURDAY
NIGHT COMEDY**

With guests Liam Withnail, Matt Rees, Steve Gribbin, and Susie McCabe. **The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £24.50, £20. 7.30pm. glee.co.uk**



Sat 14 Oct: **TOKEN _ MAN**

Ryan Lewis and Gareth Williams are more than just stereotypes, but the old rhyme is true: "a black and a gay keeps the right wing away." **1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 7pm. facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/**

Sat 14 Oct:

**LOZI LEE: THE TRAVELLING
TALES OF A VILLA NUT**

Lozi recalls what happened on his travels following AVFC through the European Cup. In support of the Alzheimer's Society.

**The Crown Members Club, 1069
Tyburn Rd, Erdington, Bham
B24 0TH. £5. 8pm.**

Sun 15 Oct:

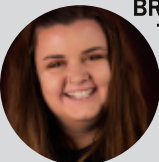
BIRMINGHAM COMEDY FESTIVAL FREE HALF-DAYER PT2

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▼ CHERRY REDS ▼

BRITAIN'S GOT TAL (DAVIES)

Join deadpan comic Tal Davies in this latest desperate bid for attention. **1pm**



▼ THE VICTORIA ▼

ROUND THE HORNE: RESUSCITATED

A fond revival of one of the most popular radio shows of the 1960s. Bona comedy! **1pm**



ANDY WHITE: ELITISM 4 IDIOTS

Andy takes a sideways look at the culture war. **2.15pm**



MARY FLANIGAN BEGINS AGAIN

Mary is tired of all her jokes. A stand-up show about starting over. **2.15pm**



ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE TRAINING WORKSHOP - INTERMEDIATE

Deadly serious Health and Safety advice from Ian Crawford. **3.30pm**



LINDSEY SANTORO: PINK TINGE

Babies, cats, lovers, whelks and loads of swear words. This show's got it all! **3.30pm**



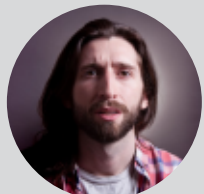
LOVDEV BARPAGA: HALF-SOAKED

Lovdev weaves together stories of arranged marriages, growing up with a deaf brother, living with gout, and more. **4.45pm**



JAY HANDLEY: THE WHITE JESUS CHRONICLES

Jay performs his favourite bits from his last three shows! **4.45pm**



CHERRY REDS, 88-92 JOHN BRIGHT ST, BIRMINGHAM B1 1BN

THE VICTORIA, 48 JOHN BRIGHT ST, BIRMINGHAM B1 1BN

Birmingham
COMEDY
Festival

THREE CLASSIC FILM COMEDIES

LAUREL & HARDY MEAN BUSINESS

TIT FOR TAT
DIRTY WORK
TOWED IN A HOLE



Friday 13 October 2023
WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
MUSEUM

Birmingham

museum.west-midlands.police.uk

Sunday 15 October 2023
STOURBRIDGE
TOWN HALL

Stourbridge

boroughhalls.co.uk

 bhamcomfest.co.uk 

A Birmingham Comedy Festival Presentation in association with The Laughing Gravy Tent



Sat 14 Oct:
QUEST FOR POINTS!

Kamikaze Club's chaotic quiz show returns. Join host Thom Hodgkinson and a range of Second City

comics for ridiculous questions, outrageous challenges and the cheapest prizes in game show history.

1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. PWYW. 9pm.
facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub/

Sun 15 Oct: **COBO: COMEDY OF BLACK ORIGIN - BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL**

Round up your friends for an uplifting show featuring guests including Travis Jay, Loyiso Gola and Trixx.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £18. 6pm. glee.co.uk



Sun 15 Oct:
DANNY MCLOUGHLIN

Join one of the most underrated comedians in the world as he tries to finally get some recognition for how



consistently good he's been over the years.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Hurst St, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £12 / SOLD OUT. 6.45pm. glee.co.uk

Sun 15 Oct:

Birmingham Comedy Festival Special:

LAUREL AND HARDY: MEAN BUSINESS

Birmingham Comedy Festival heads to the Black Country with another fine mess of films starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy!

Stourbridge Town Hall, Crown Centre, Crown Lane, Stourbridge DY8 1YE. Tel: 01384 812812.

2.30pm. £9, £6.

**bhamcomfest.co.uk
boroughhalls.co.uk**



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**PRE-FESTIVAL - Fri 1 & Sun 3 Sep:
BIRMINGHAM COMEDY
FESTIVAL PRESENTS ...**

Birmingham Comedy Festival returns to Mo'Folk again! Friday sees us welcome BGT star **Daliso Chaponda** and Brum's **Tal Davies**, while Sunday's show is headlined by Warwickshire comedy star **Josh Pugh** - Birmingham Comedy Festival Breaking Talent Award 2015 winner and Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee. Josh is joined by

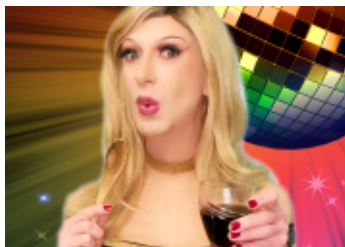


Hannah Weetman, who won our 2022 Breaking Talent Award. **Moseley Folk and Arts Festival, Moseley Park, Bham B13. £57 Adult Day. moseleyfolk.co.uk**



**PRE-FESTIVAL - Sat 9 Sep:
ROCKIN' & ROLLIN':
A 1950S EVENING**

A night of 1950s-themed entertainment featuring music and dance, plus period comedy courtesy of Birmingham Comedy Festival! **Black Country Living Museum, Dudley. £10.50. From 7pm. bclm.com/1950s/**



**Sat 7 Oct:
ANGELA BRA: MICRORAVE**

Her daughters have left for uni and singer/songwriter, and rising social media star Angela Bra is home alone. Which can only mean one thing, it's time for a house party! Drag-powered kitchen disco comedy of pop, parodies and puns! **Tilt, City Arcade, 2 Union St, Bham B2 4TX. Tel: 0871 472 0400. £6; £8. 8.30pm. facebook.com/angelabracomedy/**

Wed 11 Oct:

THREE'S A CROWD

Three of Birmingham's finest comics bring their work in progress shows to Fletchers Bar.

Featuring Kieran Flynn,

Norman Moore, and Phillip Kane.

Fletchers Bar, 7 York Rd, King's Heath, Bham B14 7SA. Free. 8pm.



SWITCH RADIO SPECIALS

Tue 3 Oct, 7pm on Switch Radio

THE MAN WHO NEVER WAS: THE LIFE & LEGACY OF LARRY STEPHENS.

James Sandy talks to author Julie Warren about the life of West Bromwich-born (and Birmingham-raised) comedy writer Larry - co-writer of The Goon Show and Tony Hancock scriptwriter. (Repeated Tue 14 Nov 2023).

Sun 8 Oct, 12noon on Switch Radio

OBJECTIVITY: DANNY CLIVES

Dudley comedian (and illustrator) Danny selects six objects that have a personal connection. (Repeated Tue 17 Oct 2023).

Sun 15 Oct, 12noon on Switch Radio

OBJECTIVITY: HANNAH WEETMAN

The winner of the Birmingham Comedy Festival Breaking Talent Award 2022 chats to James Sandy about her chosen objects. (Repeated Tue 31 Oct 2023).

Listen live via: [switchradio.co.uk](https://www.switchradio.co.uk)

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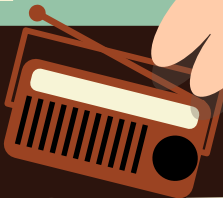
Wed 11 Oct: KWAME ASANTE: IN STITCHES

Fresh from his third solo show at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, A&E doctor and comedian Kwame presents the best of his material on life inside and outside the hospital. Be you a friend, family, comedy fan or patient, he's guaranteed to have someone in stitches!

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Birmingham Comedy Festival makes a welcome return



ROMAIN VIRGO

Jewellery Quarter gig for 'lovers rock' specialist...

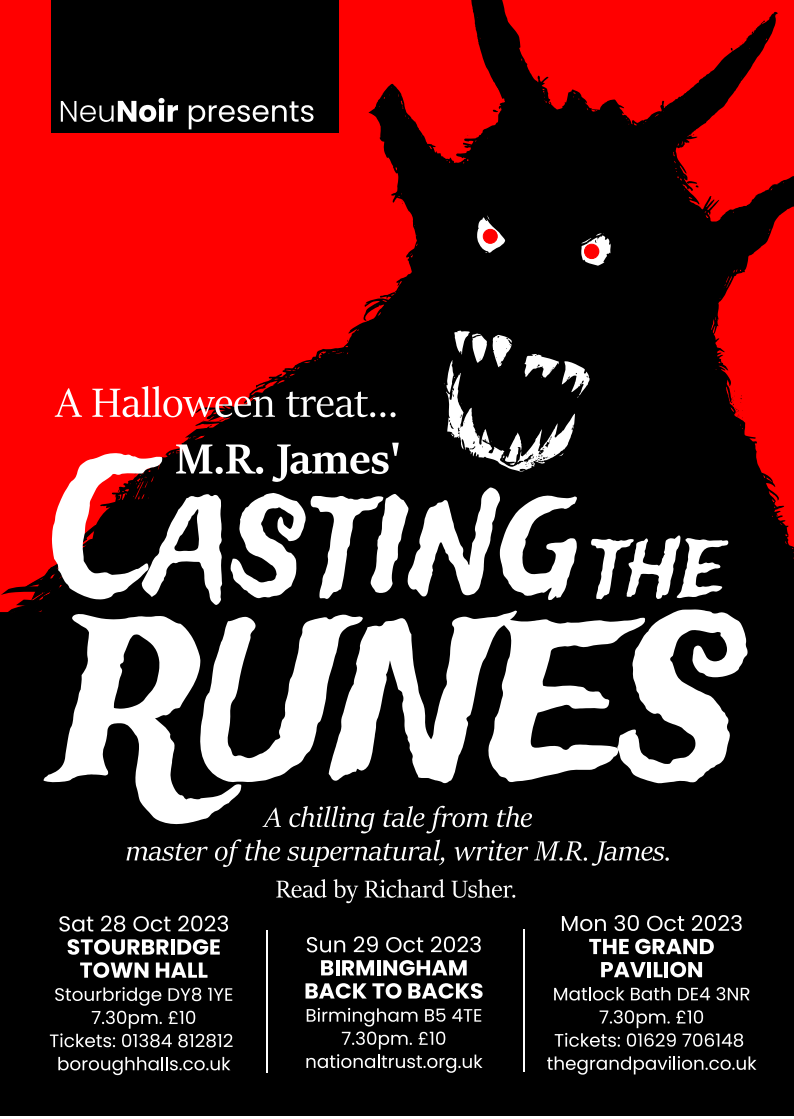


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Halloween events to keep the kids entertained this month



Your October issue of What's On.
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A Halloween treat...

M.R. James'

CASTING THE RUINES

*A chilling tale from the
master of the supernatural, writer M.R. James.*

Read by Richard Usher.

Sat 28 Oct 2023
**STOURBRIDGE
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7.30pm. £10

Tickets: 01384 812812
boroughhalls.co.uk

Sun 29 Oct 2023
**BIRMINGHAM
BACK TO BACKS**

Birmingham B5 4TE

7.30pm. £10
nationaltrust.org.uk

Mon 30 Oct 2023
**THE GRAND
PAVILION**

Matlock Bath DE4 3NR
7.30pm. £10

Tickets: 01629 706148
thegrandpavilion.co.uk

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